

Terror Information and State Secrecy

Talks by Binoy Kampmark and Paul Zarembka

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“What we are pressing for is not the power to be Big Brother, watching everyone from above, but rather a flock of Little Sisters, watching government from below.” – Micah L. Sifry[1] (cited by Binoy Kampmark in his talk.)

Binoy Kampmark was a Commonwealth Scholar at Selwyn College, Cambridge. He is currently a Senior Lecturer at RMIT University in Melbourne, Australia in the School of Global, Urban and Social Studies, teaching within the Bachelor of Social Science (Legal and Dispute Studies) program. In his presentation, Dr. Kampmark explores how internet platforms such as [wikileaks](#) and other forms of “hacktivism” has started to force radical transparency on government institutions and are therefore playing a role in fostering democracy on a State apparatus increasing capitulating to the undemocratic will and demands of major corporate centres of power. Dr. Kampmark invokes the secretive trade deal known as the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) as a Case Study of this phenomenon.

“My sense of justice requires that if you’re going to convict people and you’re going to start a whole perspective of how the whole world should change, the result of what happened on September 11... you ought to have a fully convincing case about who the perpetrators were, and the 9/11 Commission Report didn’t even mention it.” – Paul Zarembka

Paul Zarembka is Professor of Economics at the State University of New York at Buffalo. He has been the general editor for *Research in Political Economy* since 1977, and was also the

editor of the 2008 volume, [The Hidden History of 9/11](#). In his presentation, Dr. Zarembka argues that the term 'conspiracy theory' is an anti-intellectual concept and makes his point by addressing demonstrable flaws in the narrative around the September 11 attacks, and invoking historical examples from before the term became a pejorative.

These talks were part of a panel discussion presented at the [Geopolitical Economy Research Group Conference](#) held at the University of Manitoba in late September of 2015.

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